

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Entitled
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Francis Xavier Kay	:	Improvements in or Relating to Valves
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Serial No. 10/537,615	:	
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Filed December 5, 2005	:	Confirmation No. 6864
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Examiner Marina A. Tietjen	:	Attorney Docket No. 063030-00080

**AMENDMENT**

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May 18, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant has carefully reviewed the final Office Action dated February 6, 2009, and the Advisory Action dated April 10, 2009, relating to the subject patent application and respectfully requests entry of the following claim amendments and consideration of the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) is filed concurrently herewith. The undersigned is hereby authorizing payment of \$810.00 for the RCE and \$130.00 for a one-month extension of time fee, for a total amount of \$940.00, to be charged to Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC American Express Credit Card during the electronic transmission process.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.